

Mayor Kerby called the Special Council Meeting of February 3, 2005 to order at 3:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Darrell Kerby, Council President Mick Mellett, Council Members Russ Docherty, Leslie Falcon, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Street Department Supervisor John Youngwirth, Economic Development Coordinator Robin Ponsness, and Elizabeth Ciepiela from the Bonners Ferry Herald.

The meeting was held by conference call with Welch Comer, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), and the design team.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Gateway Visitor's Center with Idaho Transportation Department, Welch Comer, and the design team. The group discussed the visitor's center project and construction of the parking lot. The group agreed that the parking lot option with 85 parking spaces and four recreational vehicle spaces was the first choice.

Robin Ponsness stated that she has been contacted by International Selkirk Loop and they would like office space in the new Visitor's Center building and are willing to pay some rent for the space.

Cory Trapp went through the proposed design on the building. Council gave their opinions as to the building proposal and said that the observation area and meeting room are of great importance. Amy Schroeder from ITD said the observation area and meeting are not a key element from ITD's perspective but if they can be built within budget ITD will support it.

Council discussed the option of the City purchasing and installing the parking lot lighting in order to construct the desired building within the available budget. Council stated they want to make sure irrigation is extended to all the light poles for the flower baskets and wiring be installed at the trees for festival lighting.

The visitor's center design will be worked on and another cost estimate will be developed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Darrell Kerby, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk